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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate General Counsel

ATTENTION :

FROM :

F. W. M. Janney
Director of Personnel

SUBJECT :

Request for Legal Opinion on
GEHA Insurance Release Form

1. Applications for the GEHA life insurance plans require an accompanying medical statement (and occasionally a report of examination by a physician) if the applicant did not apply within the first 90 days of employment. The same is true of all applications for Income Replacement Insurance. Occasionally these medical statements contain medical information which requires professional evaluation beyond the capabilities of Insurance Branch personnel. In these situations, it has been the practice to refer the information to the Office of Medical Services (OMS) for review.

2. The Director of Medical Services is concerned that the use of OMS files and records for insurance review purposes is not a routine use which would normally be known to the individual concerned. We have, therefore, drafted the attached release form which we would have signed by each applicant for GEHA insurance where OMS review is a possibility. It is requested that you review this matter and provide an opinion as to the adequacy of this procedure and the release form.

F. W. M. Janney

Att

Distribution:

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1 - DD/Pers 1 - OMS for info

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GEHA INSURANCE RELEASE FORM

In connection with my application for _____ insurance, I hereby authorize the Office of Medical Services (OMS) to disclose to the Government Employees Health Association, Inc. (GEHA) any pertinent medical information contained in OMS records regarding my physical and mental condition, including history obtained, physical or laboratory findings, and OMS conclusions, which would be relevant to a decision on this application.

Date

Signature